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| FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>285482US6X PCT                          |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP04/07571   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/567449</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>6 July 2004  |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>11 July 2003 earliest                      |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>LOAD CARRIERS FOR VEHICLES</b>   |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Arnaud PREMARTIN, et al.</b>  |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |   |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the declaration is in a language other than the English language, it is accompanied by an English translation. The translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.69)</li> </ol> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</p> <p>Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cited References</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Relevancy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List of Related Cases.</li> </ol> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>22. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Notice of Priority/Request for Consideration/ Petition to Revive Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137 (b)</p> |  |   |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/567449</b>   | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP04/07571 | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>285482US6X PCT</b>                      |                         |
| The following fees are submitted:   |   | <b>CALCULATIONS</b> <b>PTO USE ONLY</b>                                |                         |
| 24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....   |   | \$300<br>\$300.00  |                         |
| 25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee<br>If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .... \$0<br>All other situations..... \$200   |   | \$200.00   |                         |
| 26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee<br>If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .... \$0<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100<br>International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB ..... \$400<br>All other situations..... \$500   |   | \$400.00   |                         |
| <b>TOTAL OF 24, 25 AND 26 =</b>   |   | \$900.00   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.  |   |  |                         |
| Total Sheets  | Extra Sheets                                    | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole) | RATE                    |
| - 100 =   | / 50 =  |  | x \$250.00              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surchage of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).  |   | \$130.00   |                         |
| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED                                    | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE                    |
| Total claims  | 18  | - 20 = 0   | x \$50.00               |
| Independent claims  | 2   | - 3 = 0  | x \$200.00              |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> +   | \$360.00                |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>  |   | \$1,030.00   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.  |   |  |                         |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |   | \$1,030.00   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).  |   | + \$   |                         |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |   | \$1,030.00   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property   |   | + \$   |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition fee of \$1,500.00 for Petition to Revive (37 CFR 1.137 (b)).   |   | + \$1,500.00   |                         |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |   | \$2,530.00   |                         |
|   |   | <b>Amount to be refunded:</b>  | \$                      |
|   |   | <b>Amount to be charged:</b>   | \$                      |
| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> |   |  |                         |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.  |   |  |                         |
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Docket No. 285482US6X PCT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Arnaud PREMARTIN, et al.

SERIAL NO: New U.S. PCT Application Based on PCT/EP04/07571

FILED: Herewith

FOR: LOAD CARRIERS FOR VEHICLES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: PCT Transmittal Letter/Application Data Sheet/Notice of Priority  
Preliminary Amendment/ Petition to Revive Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137 (b)  
International Search Report/Request for Consideration  
Credit Card Payment Form for \$2530.00

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING |       | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID | NO.<br>EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE      | CALCULATIONS |
|--|---------------------|-------|---|------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| TOTAL  | 18                  | MINUS | 20                                      | 0                      | x \$50 =  | \$0.00       |
| INDEPENDENT  | 2                   | MINUS | 3                                       | 0                      | x \$200 = | \$0.00       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS                   |                     |       |   | + \$360 =              | \$0.00    |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS  |                     |       |   |                        | \$0.00    |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity |                     |       |   |                        | \$0.00    |              |
|  |                     |       |   | TOTAL                  | \$0.00    |              |

- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
- Credit card payment form is attached to cover the fees in the amount of \$0.00
- Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Arnaud PREMARTIN, et al.

SERIAL NO.: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP04/07571

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: July 6, 2004

FOR: LOAD CARRIERS FOR VEHICLES

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119**  
**AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

| <b><u>COUNTRY</u></b> | <b><u>APPLICATION NO</u></b> | <b><u>DAY/MONTH/YEAR</u></b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EPC                   | 03291731.2                   | 11 July 2003                 |
| EPC                   | 04290509.1                   | 25 February 2004             |
| EPC                   | 04290510.9                   | 25 February 2004             |

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention application(s) were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application No. PCT/EP04/07571.

Respectfully submitted,  
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Arnaud PREMARTIN, et al.

SERIAL NO.: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS  
CITED IN INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
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